

Prince of Peace out of the clutches of those people, I don't want any harm to happen to him. The King says he is going to your camp. I am waiting to hear that he is safely there before giving you instructions. You did right in not recognizing the Prince of the Asturias. Get King Charles IV into the Escorial if you can, treat him with the highest respect, and declare that he continues to govern Spain until I recognise the revolution. I highly approve all you have done.

*April 5th*, Bordeaux:

I arrived here just when no one was expecting me.

9th. (To the Grand Duke of Berg.) I perceive that, as a rule, you attach too much importance to the opinion of the city of Madrid. It is not for the sake of complying with the whims of the population of Madrid that I have brought together such large armies in Spain.

It is desirable that the Prince of the Asturias should come to meet me, — in which case I would await him at Bayonne.

12th. I am just starting for Bayonne. When I judge the moment has come, I shall arrive in Madrid like a cannon-ball.

15th, Bayonne:

I reached Bayonne yesterday, I am expecting the Prince of the Asturias, who now styles himself Ferdinand VII; he is near the frontier, I am also expecting the unfortunate Charles IV and the Queen.

17th. King Charles IV left the Escorial on the 14th; he will therefore reach Burgos to-day or to-morrow, I hope to see him here.

(To Prince Murat.) If there should be any excitement,